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REPORTS CARDINAL MINDSZENTY VERY WEAK;
 MAN, WIFE ADMIT FORGING LETTERS IN MINDSZENTY CASE

UNABLE TO SAY DAILY MASS -- Hungaria [emigre newspaper], No 45, 11 Nov 49

According to a Vienna report, Cardinal Mindszenty has become so weak that he cannot say his daily mass. Nevertheless, the Cardinal still keeps his two fast days a week, one dedicated to Hungary and the other to world Christianity. In accordance with his ascetic program, he sleeps on the bare prison floor one night a week. While in prison the Cardinal has been reading only the breviary.

SAYS LETTERS FORGED UNDER PRESSURE -- Oggi, No 53, 29 Dec 49

Laszlo Sulner and his wife, Hanna Fischhef, declared in an interview that they forged the incriminating Mindszenty letters which were used by the prosecution to convict the Hungarian Cardinal.

The Sulners, specialists in duplicating handwriting, were in charge of a special office of criminology and scientific police investigations in Budapest.

Laszlo Sulner said that a few days after Cardinal Mindszenty's arrest, he was asked, under threats, to forge several letters to be attributed to the Cardinal. This assignment gave him the opportunity to make frequent visits to the police headquarters at 60 Andrassy Street and to collect information on the forgeries and moral pressure used against the Cardinal to make his conviction possible.

Sulner and his wife eluded the police and escaped from Hungary on 5 February 1949. They made a 3-meter-long microfilm of all the documents relating to the Mindszenty trial which they could collect. After their escape, they sent the microfilm to the White House in Washington to be submitted to the United Nations.

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According to the Sulaers, after his trial Cardinal Mindszenty was taken to the insane asylum at Lipotmezo where he was held for nearly one month. Later he was removed to the hospital of an unidentified concentration camp. There is no further information as to the whereabouts of the Cardinal. Unconfirmed rumors are to the effect that he is imprisoned somewhere in a remote locality in the USSR. What appears to be more probable is that the Cardinal died in the hospital of the concentration camp as a result of the many hardships to which he was subjected.

MINDSZENTY GOES TO TATRA MOUNTAINS -- Nyugati Hirnok [emigre newspaper], No 3-4, 24 Jan 50

Informations Danubiennes reports that, according to well-informed Budapest circles, imprisonment has affected Cardinal Mindszenty's lungs and reactivated Basedow's disease. The Communist Party leadership decided that it was of supreme importance that the Cardinal's condition improve so as not to make a bigger martyr out of him. Consequently, the Cardinal was taken to Tatrászeplak, escorted by 12 State Security Office detectives in a three-car caravan. After 2 months of isolation from the rest of the world, Cardinal Mindszenty was returned to Budapest. It was this long absence which gave rise to the rumor that the Cardinal had died.

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